

of the State of Nebraska. I would advise you, and I do not like to bring up instances that this body passed, but LB 513 certainly had a special interest, particularly in the agricultural sector. Senator Burrows and I did, indeed, support it. I understood the philosophy in what we were attempting to do. I do not stand here debating my last vote on 513. I'll still stand behind it, and the record is clear. But, hopefully, you'll enter into this constitutional amendment in the spirit which it's intended which is certainly to help the urban centers of this state. There are a total of 191 who are eligible to use this piece of legislation, providing the people act faithfully on it. I oppose your amendment, Senator Burrows, but still with respect for you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Burrows, do you have any closing to that statement?

SENATOR BURROWS: I think, from the discussion of the amendment, the comparison that it would broaden it like the Platte River to a mile wide and a couple inches deep is very good. I think the bill is shallow. The problems are going to be great that we're going to face with it when we come to making the decisions of what is a blighted area, whether it be restricted to urban or rural. I think I got my point across on this, if nothing else. If it's going to be that wide and that shallow I think the concept of the bill, in a way, is that we're putting, in the bill, a tax advantage to the businesses that want to go up with an apartment complex, if they happen to be on the right side of the street where you've got a blighted area declared in that city or village, or whatever. I will ask to withdraw the amendment in lieu of if the bill is passed. I would just as soon not have it on incorporating the counties and the NRD's and the villages. Thank you.

PRESIDENT: All right. There is another one that is withdrawn. Do you have any other motions to be withdrawn?

CLERK: I have nothing further, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Now we're on the bill itself. Have you made your motion to advance the bill, Senator Koch?

SENATOR KOCH: Mr. President, I thank you for the prompting. I move for the advancement of the bill to E & R initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Bereuter.

SENATOR BEREUTER: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Koch brings you an outstanding bill here. It's time to set personal antagonisms aside, including my own, and admit to you that this legislation is needed by the cities of this state, it's needed by all the people in this state. One of the things I've been concerned about, in the National Conference of State Legislators activities, is that the states do indeed give their cities a full compliment of tools to deal with the problems that they face. This is one of the tools that has been utilized very successfully in 30 some states. We have had some doubts raised about the type of legislation which would implement this constitutional amendment, if approved. In fact I raised some rhetorically before lunch. But the history of the progress of the legislation in other states has shown that the states have moved in a responsible fashion. Today we have millions of dollars worth of investment by the private